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## katy watt

aty Watt, daughter of John and Rosslyn Watt, was a psychology major and a member of the women's soccer team. As an international student, she was originally from Edinburg, Scotland and attended high school at Firrhill High School. Since she was five years old, Katy played soccer any chance she got, and it became a main focus when she turned thirteen. Fifteen years after she started, Watt found herself in southern Mississippi as a player for the Lady Bears soccer team.

It was through an agency in Edinburg that Watt was able to play for Southwest. The agency allowed young athletes to submit videos of themselves playing to the coaches of potential colleges they could attend. Katy was overjoyed when she received the news that she would soon become a Bear. Soccer made Katy feel a sense of stress relief that accumulated from everyday life. She also experienced nostalgia whenever she was on the field, and childhood memories would always rush back to her.

Attending college in southern Mississippi gave Katy a bit of culture shock. She was surprised by the small size of Summit and the politeness of everyone she encountered. Back home, Katy's favorite activities to do were to go out to eat and see movies at the cinema.

Katy had positive things to say about her experience at Southwest. She enjoyed how close each of her classes were, and the opportunity to meet new people appealed to her. On campus, she made many new friends during the school year.

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Without struggle, there is no progress. Southwest has given me many opportunities I never thought I would have.

-Katy Watt